

ALL BUT MAYOR.

The Republicans of Wheeling won Everything Except the

MAYORALTY OF THE CITY

In Yesterday's Biennial Battle of the Ballots, and

THE DEFEAT OF MAYOR BUTTS

By Such a Crushing Majority, 1,031, is one of Those Incidents of Politics Which are Difficult of Explanation. Clemans Elected Chief of Police by a Majority of 325—The Republicans Have Eight Majority in Council on Joint Ballot—The Returns of the Election in Full.

THE RESULT.

Mayor.....Andrew T. Sweeney (D.)
City Clerk.....Chas. H. Watkins (R.)
City Sergeant.....William M. Clemans (R.)
Wharfmaster.....John W. Norrington (R.)

FIRST BRANCH COUNCIL.

First ward—P. Scully (D.)
Second ward—F. Meyer, Jr. (R.)
Third ward—M. A. Chew (R.)
Fourth ward—J. J. Butler (D.)
Fifth ward—John Waterhouse (D.)
Sixth ward—H. W. Gardner (D.)
Seventh ward—W. P. McKelvey (R.)
Eighth ward—William Knoke (R.)

SECOND BRANCH COUNCIL.

First ward—A. E. Scheele (R.), Joseph H. Fox (R.), Ross T. Chew (R.), Andrew Korn (D.)
Second ward—J. W. Kindeberger (R.), Walter Bloomfield (R.), Walter Worls (R.)
Third ward—H. W. Fair (R.), John Beckert (R.), W. B. McMechen (R.)
Fourth ward—Joseph Weisberger (D.), Patrick Fitzsimmons (D.), Frank J. Healy (D.)

Fifth ward—E. H. Kutz (D.), George Long, Jr. (D.), Michael Giegler (D.)
Sixth ward—Frank Gaus (D.), Frank Caldwell (D.), Burke Watson (D.), T. W. Klitten (D.), John M. Ritter (D.)
Seventh ward—W. P. McKelvey (R.), G. W. Bradbury (R.), James P. Maxwell (R.)
Eighth ward—Edward Ratcliff (R.), A. E. Marschner (R.), Otto Kahlitzer (R.), R. W. Miller (R.)

THE VOTE IN A NUTSHELL.

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Sixth	692	1,671	379
Seventh	451	553	102
Eighth	635	612	33
Totals	3,951	5,615	1,621

City Clerk.

Wards.	Watkins.	Paul.	Maj.
First	357	548	191
Second	454	424	30
Third	329	581	252
Fourth	475	532	57
Fifth	334	384	50
Sixth	414	961	547
Seventh	327	517	190
Eighth	712	517	185
Totals	4,918	4,161	687

Chief of Police.

Wards.	Clemans.	Ritz.	Maj.
First	512	553	41
Second	479	425	54
Third	548	589	179
Fourth	471	553	82
Fifth	341	388	47
Sixth	679	907	228
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Totals	4,661	4,336	725

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Notwithstanding the fact that the Democrats succeeded in electing their candidate for mayor yesterday, in the biennial city election, it is a Republican victory, for the Republican candidates for city clerk, city sergeant and wharfmaster were successful, and the city council is Republican by eight majority on joint ballot, which insures the continuance of Republican control at the city hall.

The result was a surprise, it being expected that the Republicans would win on council in the Fourth and Fifth wards and have a very large majority in council. In the Fifth the Democrats won on a small majority, and were successful in the Sixth by a larger margin. In addition, the Democrats succeeded in electing two out of the five councilmen in the First ward. The Republicans elected solid delegations in council from the Second, Third, Seventh and Eighth wards. The majorities are not so large as those of two years ago, except in the Second ward, where the majority is larger than it was in 1897.

The defeat of Mayor Butts was the surprise of the day. It was anticipated that Mr. Sweeney, the Democratic candidate, would make it a close race, but that he would defeat the mayor by a majority exceeding 1,000 wasn't even dreamed of by the most enthusiastic Democrat. That it was a surprise, is attested to by the disinclination of the Democrats to wager much money on the election of their candidate for the mayor. The mayor took his defeat in good part, though of course he was somewhat chagrined. No satisfactory reason has been advanced for the remarkable strength shown by Mr. Sweeney before the people.

City Clerk Watkins led the Republican ticket, with a majority of 687 over Paul. In the language of Mr. Paul, "Who is Paul?" Politically, he isn't a great deal this morning. It would seem that the fight of the day was on city sergeant, and Captain William M. Clemans, the Republican candidate, defeated John Ritz by a majority of 225 votes. The Clemans men anticipated the success of their favorite by a larger majority, but 225 is just as good as 1,225, so far as the result of the contest goes.

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John W. Norrington continues as wharfmaster, defeating Henry Bruner, the Democratic candidate, by 225 votes. Council is Republican by eight on joint ballot, the majority in each branch being four. The Republicans elected three in the First ward, four in the Second, four in the Third, five in the Eighth, and four in the Seventh, or twenty in all. The Democrats elected two in the First ward, four in the Fourth, four in the Fifth and six in the Sixth, sixteen in all. In addition to these, the Republicans have six holdovers in the First branch, and the Democrats two, thus making the majority of eight for the Republicans, a very good working majority.

All the fruits of victory go to the Republicans, with the sole exception of the mayoralty and its salary of \$1,000.

RECEIVING THE RETURNS.

The Counting of the Votes Was Completed Early in the Night.

The votes were counted very quickly, the entire vote being in at 12:50 o'clock this morning. The first precincts reporting were from the Second ward before 9 o'clock, after which they came in with a rush for two hours. Then there was a lull, which continued with occasional interruptions until the last reported at the hour stated. Early in the night it was seen that Mayor Butts was running away behind his ticket, and at 10 o'clock his defeat was conceded by the Republican leaders, and it was realized, too, at that hour that the majorities for the successful Republican candidates would not be so large as expected.

Among the last precincts to report was No. 1, of the First ward, where there was some trouble during the count, owing to the singular action of the Democratic judge, as related elsewhere. At midnight only two precincts were missing, No. 6 of the Sixth ward, and No. 2 of the Eighth ward. When these reported, the reported in attendance had dwindled considerably, but when it was finally ascertained that the Republicans had won on everything except the mayoralty, the boys showed considerable enthusiasm. Earlier in the night, the city clerk's office was crowded, as were the lobby and halls. Greater interest was evinced than has been shown in any late city election.

The complete returns on the general ticket are as follows:

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FIRST WARD.

Three Republicans and Two Democratic Councilmen.

The only ward in which there was a "split" result on council was the First, where Pat Scully, Democrat, defeated Jake Snyder for first branch by 36 votes. Three Republicans, Scheele, Fox and Ross Chew, and one Democrat, Andy Korn, were successful for second branch. Charles Becker was the second branch Republican candidate, defeated by Korn. The result in this ward was not known until midnight, owing to the "scrap" indulged in by the election officials at precinct No. 1, detailed elsewhere. The vote by precincts was as follows:

Candidates.	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
First Branch—					
P. Scully, D.	105	105	105	105	420
Jacob Snyder, R.	105	105	105	105	420
Second Branch—					
D. P. O'Leary, D.	105	105	105	105	420
J. A. Wood, D.	105	105	105	105	420
Andy Korn, D.	105	105	105	105	420
A. E. Scheele, R.	105	105	105	105	420
Ross T. Chew, R.	105	105	105	105	420
Chas. Becker, R.	105	105	105	105	420
Sweeney carried the ward by 151 maj.					

Majority. Watkins carried it by 37; Ritz by 47, and Bruner by 41.

SECOND WARD.

The Republicans Elect Their Entire Council Ticket.

The Second ward did herself proud, being, as City Committeeman Robert Hazlett said, the only ward in the city which held up to its majority of two years ago. The entire Republican council ticket was elected. For first branch, Fritz Meyer went through over O'Kane by 267 majority. Of the second branch candidates, Walter Worls led, followed in order by Bloomfield and Kindeberger. The vote by precincts was as follows:

Candidates.	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
First Branch—					
M. J. O'Kane, D.	103	103	103	103	412
Fritz Meyer, Jr., R.	103	103	103	103	412
Second Branch—					
R. N. Walters, D.	118	118	118	118	472
G. W. Dusen, Jr., D.	118	118	118	118	472
Aug. Matthews, D.	118	118	118	118	472
J. W. Kindeberger, R.	118	118	118	118	472
Walter Bloomfield, R.	118	118	118	118	472
Walter Worls, R.	118	118	118	118	472
Sweeney carried the ward by 253 maj.					

THIRD WARD.

The Republican Council Ticket Went Through All Right.

In the Third ward, the Republican council ticket was successful without exception. Chew, for first branch, defeated Simpson by 92 majority. For second branch, Fair and Beckett led the Republican ticket, each having 519 votes. McMechen was not far behind, with 486. The highest man on the Democratic ticket was Sam Harper, with 455 votes.

The vote in detail was as follows:

Candidates.	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
First Branch—					
Robt. Simpson, D.	82	116	119	63	480
M. A. Chew, R.	94	128	206	7	525
Second Branch—					
Thos. O'Brien, Jr., D.	77	118	132	61	488
S. W. Harper, D.	92	125	155	63	435
F. D. Strauss, R.	77	112	158	62	419
H. W. Fair, R.	93	121	215	78	507
John Beckett, R.	82	123	188	89	482
W. B. McMechen, R.	93	128	192	73	486
Sweeney beat Butts in the ward by 61 votes. The other Republican candidates led by these majorities: Watkins, 138; Clemans, 179, and Norrington 71.					

FOURTH WARD.

The Democrats Swept the Ward—Republican Loss.

Rather unexpectedly, the Democrats carried the Fourth ward for all their candidates on the general ticket, and elected a solid council delegation. Herman Zwicker was defeated for first branch by his Democratic opponent, Joseph J. Butler, by 55 majority. Joe Weisberger led for the second branch with 552 votes. Of the Republican candidates for second branch, Thomas Morgan led, with 462 votes. The vote in detail was as follows:

Candidates.	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
First Branch—					
Joe J. Butler, D.	115	125	127	73	440
Herman Zwicker, R.	109	119	115	71	414
Second Branch—					
Joe Weisberger, D.	113	185	188	152	538
Pat. Fitzsimmons, D.	113	185	188	152	538
Frank J. Healy, D.	113	185	188	152	538
J. A. McLaughlin, R.	113	185	188	152	538
Daniel West, R.	113	185	188	152	538
Thomas Morgan, R.	113	185	188	152	538
Sweeney's majority in the ward was 226 over Butts. Paul's majority was 157, Ritz's 101 and Bruner's 75.					

FIFTH WARD.

An Unexpected Slump Losses Ward for Republicans.

There was an unexpected slump in the Fifth ward, which was lost to the Republicans on every candidate. John Waterhouse, Democrat, for first branch of council, defeated William Nesbitt, Republican, by 63 votes. E. R. Metzger led the Republicans for second branch, but fell short of success over Ziegler, the short Democrat, by 49 votes. The vote by precincts was as follows:

Candidates.	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
First Branch—					
John Waterhouse, D.	12	151	181	257	501
Wm. Nesbitt, R.	39	158	159	233	589
Second Branch—					
E. H. Kutz, D.	47	151	191	233	622
Geo. Long, Jr., D.	47	151	191	233	622
M. Ziegler, R.	47	151	191	233	622
Geo. Klinger, D.	47	151	191	233	622
E. R. Metzger, R.	61	156	157	234	608
H. P. Linz, R.	59	154	159	233	605
Sweeney carried the ward by 135 votes. Paul's majority was 41, Ritz's 47 and Bruner's 74.					

SIXTH WARD.

The Democratic Candidates for Council Successful.

The Democrats made it a clean sweep in the Sixth ward, electing all of their six candidates for council. For first branch, Harry Gurtley defeated Charles L. Ebeling by 262 majority. Of the Republican candidates for second branch, Lindsay led with 315, and Cummings and Hildebrand close up. The vote for council in detail was as follows:

Candidates.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Total.
First Branch—							
H. W. Gantley, D.	173	173	185	184	190	145	1050
C. L. Ebeling, R.	63	63	67	107	132	78	510
Second Branch—							
Frank Gaus, D.	103	103	103	103	103	103	618
F. Caldwell, D.	103	103	103	103	103	103	618
W. P. McKelvey, R.	103	103	103	103	103	103	618
J. M. Ritter, D.	103	103	103	103	103	103	618
J. G. Bartlett, R.	103	103	103	103	103	103	618
Jno. Cummins, R.	76	121	64	128	96	206	892
H. L. Hildebrand, D.	69	126	61	137	166	207	867